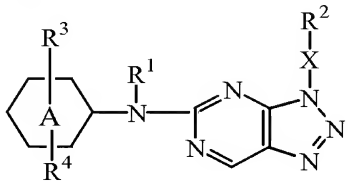
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula



(I),

a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

ring A represents phenyl;

R^1 represents hydrogen; aryl; formyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with formyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; or C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl;

X represents a direct bond; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$ or $-(CH_2)_{n4}-X_{1a}-X_{1b}-$;

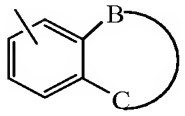
with n_3 representing an integer with value 1, 2, 3 or 4;

with n_4 representing an integer with value 1 or 2;

with X_{1a} representing O, C(=O) or NR^5; and

with X_{1b} representing a direct bond or C_{1-2}alkyl;

R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula



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wherein –B-C- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-1);

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-2);

$-X_1-CH_2-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-$ (b-3);

$-X_1-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-X_1-$ (b-4);

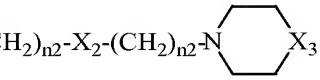
$-X_1-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-$ (b-5);

$-CH=N-X_1-$ (b-6);

with X_1 representing O or NR^5;

n representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n' representing an integer with value 0 or 1;

wherein said R^2 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyl-carbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyl-oxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5-CN$; aryloxy; arylthio; arylcarbonyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyloxy; a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N and said 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle optionally being substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^9; or  ;

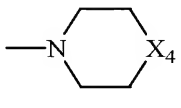
with n2 representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
with X_2 representing O, NR^5 or a direct bond;
with X_3 representing O, CH_2, CHOH, $CH-N(R^5)_2$, NR^5 or $N-C(=O)-C_{1-4}$alkyl;

R^3 represents halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -

$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-carbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; aryloxy; arylthio; arylcarbonyl; $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; -NR^5-$C(=O)$-R^5; -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{8a}; -S-CN; or -NR^5-CN;

R^4 represents hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12}; C_{2-4}alkenyl or C_{2-4}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$C(=O)$-$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12} or –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12}; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkyloxy; C_{1-4}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkylthio; C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl; nitro; cyano; carboxyl; $NR^{10}R^{11}$; $C(=O)NR^{10}R^{11}$; -NR^5-$C(=O)$-$NR^{10}R^{11}$; -NR^5-$C(=O)$-R^5; -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12}; –NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^{12}; -S-CN; or -NR^5-CN;

R^5 represents hydrogen; C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{2-4}alkenyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy or carboxyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkylcarbonyl; adamantanylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, polyhalo-C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $C(=O)NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or  ; with X_4 representing O, CH_2, CHOH, CH-$N(R^5)_2$, NR^5 or N-C(=O)-C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^{6a} and R^{7a} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl or a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N;

R^{6b} and R^{7b} each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy or carboxyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkyl-carbonyl; adamantanylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6c}R^{7c}$ or $C(=O)NR^{6c}R^{7c}$;

R^{6c} and R^{7c} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl;

R^8 represents C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy; polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or NR^6R^7;

R^{8a} represents C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy; polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$;

R^9 represents halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8 or -NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8 or -NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7; -NR^5-C(=O)-R^5; -$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8; -NR^5-$S(=O)_{n1}$-R^8; -S-CN; or -NR^5-CN;

R^{10} and R^{11} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-6}alkyl; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-;

R^{12} represents C_{1-4}alkyl or $NR^{10}R^{11}$;

n1 represents an integer with value 1 or 2;

aryl represents phenyl or phenyl substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl or polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein

X represents a direct bond; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$ or $-(CH_2)_{n4}-X_a-X_b-$;

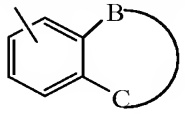
with n_3 representing an integer with value 1, 2, 3 or 4;

with n_4 representing an integer with value 1 or 2;

with X_a representing O or NR^5; and

with X_b representing a direct bond or C_{1-2}alkyl;

R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl or a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; or a radical of formula



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wherein –B-C- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-1);

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-2);

$-X_1-CH_2-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-$ (b-3);

$-X_1-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-X_1-$ (b-4);

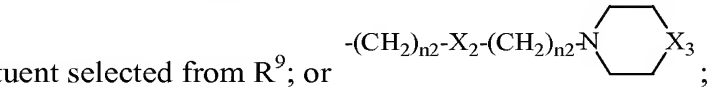
$-X_1-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-$ (b-5);

with X_1 representing O or NR^5;

n representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n' representing an integer with value 0 or 1;

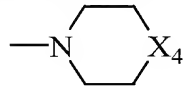
wherein said R^2 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl;

polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5-CN$; aryloxy; arylthio; arylcarbonyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyloxy; a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N and said 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle optionally being substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^9; or  ;

with n2 representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
with X_2 representing O, NR^5 or a direct bond;
with X_3 representing O or NR^5;

R^3 represents halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyl-carbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; nitro; cyano; carboxyl; $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}$; -S-CN; or $-NR^5-CN$;

R^5 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{14}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $C(=O)NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or  ; with X_4 representing O or NR^5;

R^{6a} and R^{7a} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl or a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N;

R^{6b} and R^{7b} each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{14}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or $C(=O)NR^{6a}R^{7a}$;
R^8 represents C_{1-4}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or NR^6R^7;
R^{8a} represents C_{1-4}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$.

3. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 represents hydrogen; X represents a direct bond or $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; R^2 represents phenyl or a radical of formula (b-4), wherein said R^2 may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent, in particular 1, 2 or 3 substituents, selected from halo; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, NR^6R^7, $C(=O)NR^6R^7$, C_{1-4}alkyloxy or C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxy;
C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyloxy; cyano; carboxyl; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$;
$-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; arylC_{1-4}alkyloxy; or a 5-or 6-membered heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N and said 5-or 6-membered heterocycle optionally being substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^9; R^3 represents halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$ or $C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}$;
C_{2-6}alkenyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from carboxyl or C_{1-4}alkyl-oxycarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; or -S-CN;
R^4 represents hydrogen; halo; C_{1-6}alkyl; cyano; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy; carboxyl; or NR^6R^7.

4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein-R^1 represents hydrogen; X represents a direct bond; R^2 represents phenyl wherein said R^2 may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent, in particular 1, 2 or 3 substituents, selected from halo; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, NR^6R^7, $C(=O)NR^6R^7$, C_{1-4}alkyloxy or C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyloxy; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$;
$-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; or a 5-or 6-membered heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N and said 5-or 6-membered heterocycle optionally being substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^9; R^3 represents halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally

substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$ or $C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; C_{2-6}alkenyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from carboxyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy or $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; C_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; R^4 represents hydrogen; halo; C_{1-6}alkyl; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl-oxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy; carboxyl; or NR^6R^7.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein the R^3 substituent is linked to ring A in meta position compared to the NR^1 linker.

6. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein the R^3 substituent is linked to ring A in para position compared to the NR^1 linker.

7. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 represents $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$.

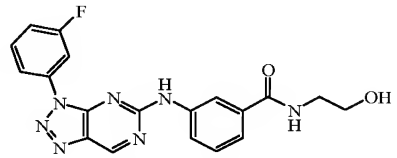
8. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein X represents a direct bond.

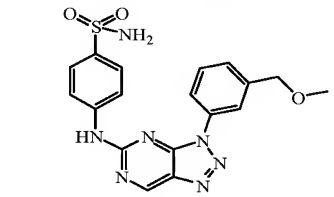
9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula (a-1) wherein said R^2 substituent is substituted with at least one substituent selected from C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each substituted with NR^6R^7; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with NR^6R^7; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with NR^6R^7; or NR^6R^7.

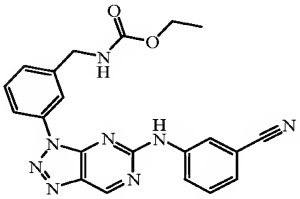
10. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 represents C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each substituted with $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl substituted with $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; C_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$; or $NR^{6b}R^{7b}$.

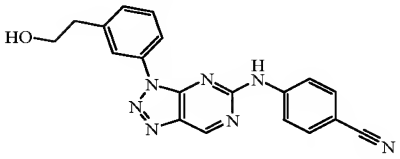
11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula (a-1), wherein said R^2 substituent is substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8 or –NR^5-S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8; polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8 or –NR^5-S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8.

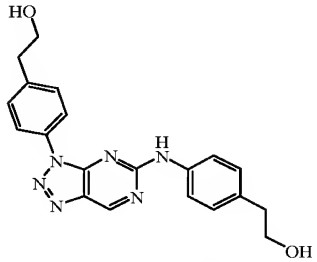
12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of

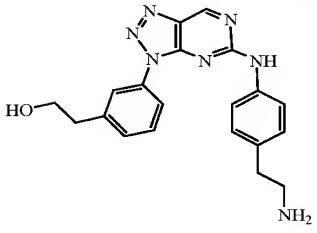


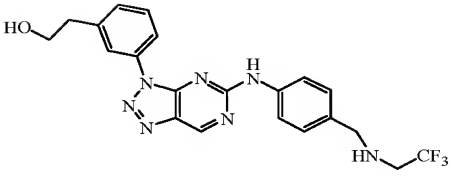


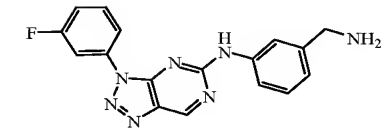


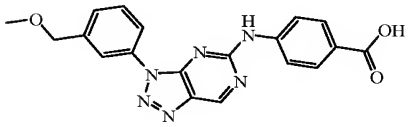


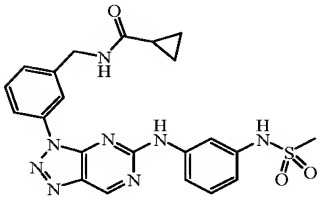


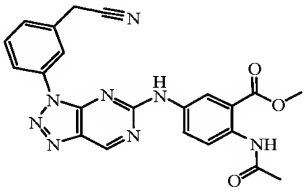


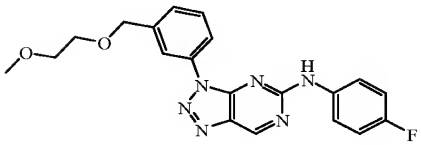


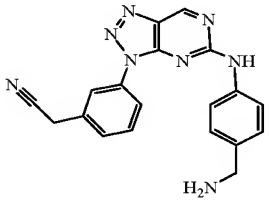


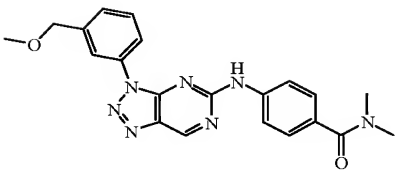


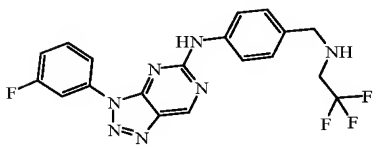












a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof.

13. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the compound of claim 1.

14. (Canceled)
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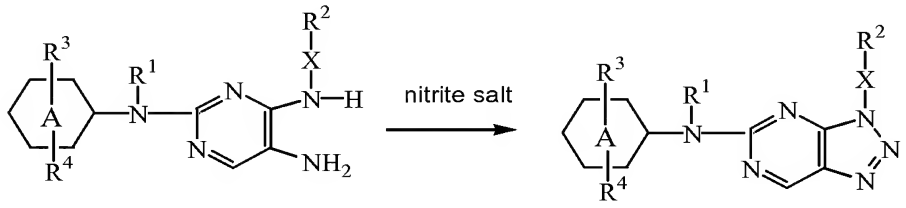
16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and as active ingredient ~~a therapeutically effective amount of~~ a compound as claimed in claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising intimately mixing ~~a therapeutically effective amount of~~ a compound as claimed in claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising

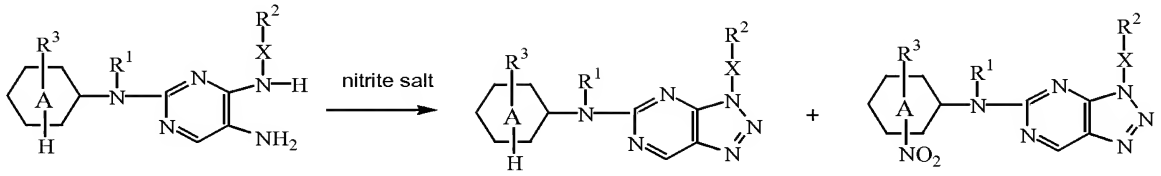
a) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II) (I)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^4 and X are as defined in claim 1;

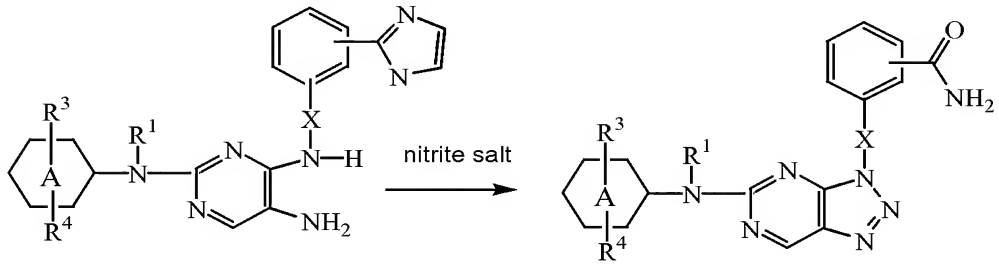
b) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II-a) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II-a) (I-a) (I-b)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^3 and X are as defined in claim 1;

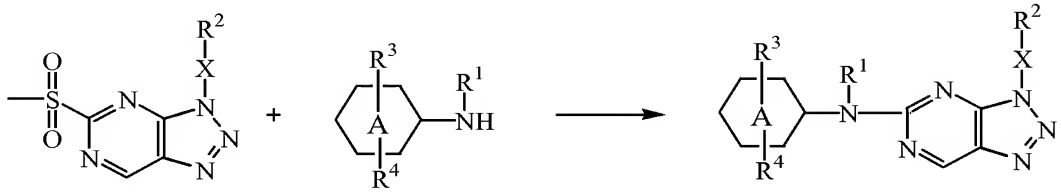
c) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II-b) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II-b) (I-c)

wherein ring A, R^1, R^3, R^4 and X are as defined in claim 1;

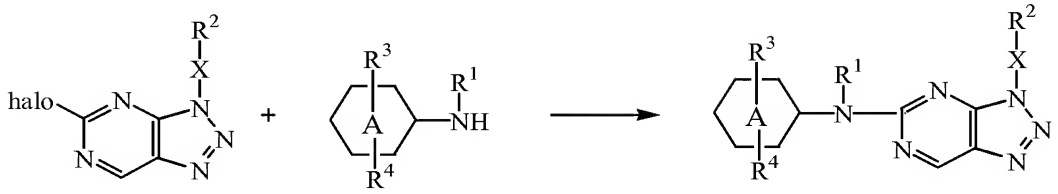
d) reacting an intermediate of formula (III) with an intermediate of formula (IV) in the presence of a suitable solvent,



(III) (IV) (I)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^4 and X are as defined in claim 1;

e) reacting an intermediate of formula (III') with an intermediate of formula (IV) in the presence of a suitable solvent, and optionally in the presence of a suitable base,



(III') (IV) (I)

or, optionally, converting compounds of formula (I) into each other following art-known transformations, and further, if desired, converting the compounds of formula (I), into a therapeutically active non-toxic acid addition salt by treatment with an acid, or into a therapeutically active non-toxic base addition salt by treatment with a base, or conversely, converting the acid addition salt form into the free base by treatment with alkali, or converting the base addition salt into the free acid by treatment with acid; and, optionally, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms, or quaternary amine forms thereof.